Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

In our weekly staff bulletin this week I used the simple story below.

**Look Together**

A man had been wandering about in a forest for several days, unable to find his way out. Finally, he saw a man approaching him in the distance. His heart was filled with joy. "Now I shall surely find out which is the right way out of this forest," he thought to himself. When they neared each other, he asked the man, "Brother, will you please tell me the way out of the forest? I have been wandering about in here for several days and I can't find the way out."

The other man said to him, "Brother, I do not know the way out either, for I, too, am lost. But this much I can tell you. Do not go the way I have gone, for I know that it is not the way. Now come, let us search for the way out together."

We achieve so much more when working in partnership rather than in isolation. This would be true in the workforce, at home, or in our school community. This is not to say that diversity should not be valued or nurtured, quite the opposite in fact. I would hate to be in a place which stifles individuality and initiative. I do not believe this would be a healthy or positive environment in which to live or work.

The themes we have for our school community in 2006 and the many stories used in our assemblies, form meetings and newsletters all help to focus our attention on a common goal. I believe they provide a vital support in guiding us along the path to achieve our potential, both as individuals and as a school community.

I reminded staff recently that our themes and stories can only lead to a healthy culture if all share in the responsibility of taking this forward. It is important for all staff to actively live out and support these themes and priorities. If a staff member talks about respect but belittles a student in class then the students know he/she is not serious. If a coach berates the referee during a game then the players learn this is acceptable behaviour.

As staff we set the tone which ultimately determines the success and vibrancy of our school community. It is essential that we remember that our students respond to authenticity and not rhetoric. What we model is how they also will respond.

I read recently where a writer stated that excellence results from doing 100 things one percent better rather than one thing 100 percent better. We should adopt the concept that "finished never is". The Japanese have a word for it – Kaizen, meaning “Continuous improvement.” In other words, the status quo is never acceptable.

In a school community comprising some 1000 students and staff there will always be areas in need of improvement. The message above though encourages us to strike the balance between being pleased with our successes but also astute enough to realize there is always scope for improvement.

May our partnership and goodwill continue to nurture in our Marcellin Community an atmosphere where success is truly valued and our community spirit celebrated and appreciated.

With best wishes

Br Bill Sullivan, fms
Headmaster

Ministry Week is an opportunity for Year 11 students to live out our College themes by taking part in activities in the community helping those in need of assistance, such as spending time at hospitals and nursing homes (left). The Ministry Week program helps reinforce school-family-community partnerships.
Congratulations to all these boys on their Special Achievements in a number of different fields. Well done!

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Tayt Lahene  
Year 9  
His drawing was published in “Anthology of Art”, a book featuring student works from a nationwide forum to be published in October.

Jeri Walters  
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Tim Cornford  
Year 11  
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Chevy Teixeira  
Year 9  
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Prayers Requested
Prayers are requested for Bill Crothers (Leaving Certificate 1945) who is recovering after suffering a stroke.

Upcoming Events

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<td>Wednesday 23rd August</td>
<td>7.30pm: Parents in Touch Evening. Topic: Helping our boys cope with loss in its many forms. Please try to come along. Guaranteed finish 9.00pm.</td>
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<td>Thursday 24th August</td>
<td>MCC Athletics Carnival Homebush</td>
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<td>Friday 25th August</td>
<td>6.30pm: Ex-Students Annual Mass and Dinner, St Brigid’s Church and Coogee-Randwick RSL</td>
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<td>Monday 28th August</td>
<td>Staff Day. There will be no lessons on this day.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 6th September</td>
<td>Marist Oratory at Auburn 6.00pm. A bus will leave the College at 4.00pm.</td>
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<td>Monday 18th September</td>
<td>Year 11 Exams commence</td>
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<td>Thursday 28th September</td>
<td>Year 12 Graduation Day</td>
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<td>Friday 29th September</td>
<td>Final day of lessons for Years 7-10. No lessons for Year 11. Special First Aid Course for Year 11 boys.</td>
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Lost Property

New tracksuit tops, blazers and various items of school clothing are all located in the school office. None of these items have names to facilitate their return. I would appreciate parents ensuring all items of clothing have names clearly written for easy identification. Lost items may be claimed from the front office. Items not claimed will be sold as second hand clothing if not claimed by the end of the term.

Exchange Student Hosts Needed

We are looking for a family to host Basile, a French exchange student. Basile is 17 and would like to improve his English and at the same time experience the Australian way of life. Basile is scheduled to arrive in Australia and start at Marcellin College in early September and leave in June 2007. The time can be shared between 2 or 3 hosting families. For more information please contact Brigitte on 0425 233 420.

Special Notice

Parents are reminded that there will be a Staff Day on Monday 28th August.

There will be no lessons on this day. My apologies for any inconvenience.
The last few weeks has been a busy time in the MCC Calendar with Marcellin competing in Rugby Union, Golf and Tennis. The Rugby Union teams have progressed throughout their rounds undefeated and now move to the semi finals. The results include:

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The Golf team competed at Bexley Golf course last Thursday and against some classy competition were able to achieve 4th position. The boys are to be complimented on their efforts and congratulated on their positive attitude towards improving. Many thanks to Mr Capizzi for his help with the boys on the day. Congratulations to Chris O’Brien who was a last minute replacement and played up an age group to shoot 78 and be placed 3rd. The remaining results were as follows:

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The MCC tennis trophy is proving to be very elusive with the team falling 5 games short once again to the overall winners North Shore. Special mention must go to the whole team for playing strongly in their opening games and setting up a good attempt at winning the aggregate trophy. A thank you to all reserves for their support and efforts with umpiring on the day. Congratulations to Vince Idato the team captain for his positive encouragement in particular to our junior members. Many thanks to Ms.Pickett and Mr Brock for their time and support of the tennis team. The results of all age groups were as follows:

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